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### Remarks

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 8-13 would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 8. Specifically, Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite, inter alia, "*wherein the lower impact absorbing member comprises a plurality of beads formed integrally with the under cover, and wherein each of the beads comprises a locking pawl locked to the cross member*". It is Applicant's understanding that the claim is allowable because the cited prior art references do not teach or suggest a plurality of beads formed integrally with the undercover, wherein each of the beads includes a locking pawl locked to the cross member.

Therefore, Applicant submits the cited prior art references do not teach or suggest each and every feature of claim 1 (as amended above). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the enclosed Amendment places the Application in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw his rejection.